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*Sydney City's Ian Souess celebrating after his brilliantly taken freekick goal against Adelaide City.*

# Sydney clubs face crisis

**St. George, Marconi and APIA all at the bottom of the Philips League table after two rounds — would YOU have predicted that?**

To make the situation even more fascinating, all operate with a fulltime manager-coach who joined their respective clubs only recently.

On the whole, Sydney teams are doing rather badly so far: of their 10 matches they have won only two.

Last weekend was the worst ever in Sydney's PSL history: all five clubs lost, three of them at home.

Despite poker-faced assurances by clubs to the contrary, it is certain that heads will roll if this disastrous run by Sydney teams continues.

Not that such sudden guillotining could do much to reverse a trend we have been forecasting for some time: the balance of Australian soccer power is rapidly shifting away from Sydney and Melbourne towards smaller centres.

Canberra, Newcastle, Adelaide and now Brisbane, all smaller, more compact and more amenable to appeals to local patriotism and tight promotions, are likely to be the dominant forces if not this year then in the very near future.

Canberra and Newcastle, for example, belong to the people of their cities — but the five Sydney clubs belong only to their respective club fans, if that.

Surprisingly, Canberra and Brisbane City are at the top of the table with maximum points — these were last year's wooden-spooners.

Soon the relegation threat will stop being a joke for Sydney and Melbourne clubs; in fact, on present indications, at least one of the "candidates" will come from these cities.

This weekend all matches will be played on Sunday and Canberra look a good bet to retain their lead.

The three "pointless" Sydney teams all play away from home and don't be surprised if at least two, maybe all three, go down again and stay glued to the bottom.

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*This is the Souness goal, smashing into the corner off the hands of goalie Marshall.*

# PSL SAVING IN THE AIR

**After some initial setbacks for the PSL — muddled start, the TV disaster and last week's Sydney deluge — finally there is a piece of good news for the beleagured League.**

Local airlines are working on schedules for the new "40 per cent less" domestic airline fares.

Said PSL manager John Frank: "At this stage I have been unable to get anything firm from our carriers, TAA.

"It is not clear yet whether there will be cuts right across the board, or whether restrictions are placed that will make it difficult to benefit greatly from savings.

"Right now we get discounts that are reasonably good.

"But we are looking to the chance of making further savings."

This year it will take a cool $250,000 to transport teams from matches in the six city Philips League competition.

Should the present wave of airfare slashing continue, PSL clubs are likely to benefit financially.

New possibilities may also open up and Western Australia, perhaps even New Zealand will come within reach.

# 2 TO 6

*Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna*

*Moorebank (6th Div.) have appointed Keith Hird, formerly with Arncliffe Scots, as coach for the season. Keith has altered the pattern of play which has made a tremendous difference to both teams as has been shown in the pre-season matches. Playing West St. George, reserve grade won 2-1, with winger A. Assi scoring in the 65th minute and 15-year-old midfielder Steven Hodkinson scoring in the 80th minute with a fine drive. First grade saw a 1-0 result to Moorebank with captain John Davies scoring midway in the first half. Against Eastwood St. Andrew's the reserve grade went down, with the first grade taking out the honors 5-2 with goals scorers T. Sullivan (2), J. Connor (2) and M. Connor. Playing Haberfield, the reserve grade won 4-2 and the first grade won 2-0, with Jock Fothringham and Jeff Carr both scoring. The teams are ably trained by Terry Sullivan. Secretary Hodkinson reports that every effort is being made towards promotion for the '80 season.*

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*Bondi Marine (2nd Div.) have selected midfield Gordon Heaney as player-coach for this year. Formerly a player with St. George, Gordon first came out from England in the mid '60s, and replaces Stan Forster, the club's coach for '77 and '78, now with Chelsea. The club has signed midfielder Laurie Waters, formerly with Yugal, Auburn and Granville. He holds the Australian record in scoring two goals direct from corner kicks in one game and a total of seven in one season. Another signing is defender Mick Sweeney from Maroubra. Dave McAusland has returned after 12 months away from Sydney and again signed with Bondi, though the club has lost sweeper Dick Chambers who is now with Ku-ring-gai.*

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*The Camden Cup, an annual pre-season competition, was played last weekend in very wet conditions. The Cup and the prize money were won by the holders, Campbelltown City, defeating Cronulla 2-1 in the final. In the semifinals Cronulla defeated Narellan 2-1 and Campbelltown defeated Nepean 2-1.*

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*North Rocks (4th Div.) is going through a period of injuries. The latest casualty was when second grader Greg Olsen, striker, tripped and fell during a friendly match against Belmore. The sad outcome of this accident was a fractured pelvis, and at least six weeks off the field.*

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*Holroyd Rangers (4th Div.) played a trial against Auburn Juniors, winning the second grade 3-1 but going down 0-3 in the first grade. The club has recently gone through some changes at the management level. Eric Acosta is now the team manager, while Washington Coyto and Steve Robertson are coaches for the two grades. Steve is a club member and a player of many years' standing, and Coyto, an Uruguayan, was formerly a coach for one of the clubs in the Sydney South American competition.*

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*These were the second and first grade results of trial games played last weekend: Baulkham Hills v Bonnyrigg Eagles, 4-2, 7-1; Maroubra v Concordia, 2-0, 0-2; North Ryde v Eastwood St. Andrew's, 4-0, 2-0; North Rocks v Macquarie University, 5-0, 0-2.*

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*An old club renewed is 6th Division Canley Heights. The new president is Ted McAdam and secretary is Tony Garrett. The newly appointed coach is Bob Southgate, with Ted Cummins as his assistant. With only five of the '78 players left, many new signings have been made, amongst whom are midfielder Keith Gallagher and defender and first grade skipper Neal Grey. The club's pre-season match tally to date is: Reserve grade won one, lost two; first grade won two, drawn one.*

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*North Ryde's (4th Div.) David Trott, a left fullback with the first grade, and Miss Tracey East announced their engagement last Saturday. A few weeks earlier the reserve grade sweeper, David Lewis, was married to Gay Percival. Congratulations to both couples.*

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*Ashcroft (3rd Division) have secured a very profitable sponsorship this season. A full set of jerseys for both grades, and of the best quality, has been donated by A. & L. Turf. The proprietor of this company is a very keen member of the club.*

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*Hurstville (3rd Div.) has signed a new centre forward, Ivo Mustac, an ex-Greenwich player. The club also hopes to sign another player soon from Sydney Croatia.*

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*Kingsford (3rd Div.) played a very good trial match against the Sydney Olympic second grade, the Kingsford first grade winning 5-0. In this game, as in previous trial matches, opportunity has been given to three junior players to try for a place in the Federation sides. All three have won their place with "flying colours". These players are Tom Beris, forward, Bill Gotisis, midfielder, and Andy Karameas, also a midfielder.*

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*The NSW 2nd Div. pre-season Umbro International Cup final matches were played at Guildford Park last weekend. The early match, a play-off for third and fourth position, was lost by Bondi Marines to Bathurst "75" 0-3. Best performance was from '75's" midfielder Peter Hadley. The late game, the final, was between Yagoona and Lethbridge Rangers. Rangers opened the score in the 20th minute with a goal from John Haynes, Yagoona returned the compliment in the 30th minute from a freekick taken by R. Haggett and crossed to K. Lewis to put the score at 1-1. The second half saw Lethbridge dominate and only Yagoona's good defending and goalkeeping by D. Miller kept the score to 1-1 at fulltime. In the sixth minute of extra time D. Chalmers, of Lethbridge, scored to see the Rangers take out the Umbro Cup for 1979.*

# LETTER TO EDITOR

In reply to "Soccer Fan" concerning Sydney's failure to watch the "Top Soccer" TV show, let me assert that the fault lies outside this city's poor soccer image.

Indeed, TV is all about creating images, so that if Channel 10 desired it could do much to present the sport in a very attractive light.

The fault lies in production, presentation and promotion of the show. Consider the following:

- We saw far too much of empty terraces, as the cameras were placed in the main stands.
- We had no "human interest" (read image making) stories, just short interviews after the matches.
- The show went to air long after the matches were of current interest.
- We rarely saw the show go to air before 10.30pm and soccer supporters are mostly 7.30 starters.
- The commentators were, to be honest, pathetic. Ad infinitum repetition of cliches, ridiculous mistakes, stupid questioning of quite OK refereeing decisions; I could go on.
- TEN hardly promoted the show. This year check it out: Compare the promotions for the Amco Cup against the soccer.

It was just not a fair deal and I'm sure nothing better will be done this year. For a channel that pushes their "Have A Go Australia, you can do it', they have a miser's attitude.

NEIL POLLOCK,
Stanmore, NSW.

# CLUB PATROL

## Edited by Stephen Dettre

**Yugal are keenly awaiting news of HERBERT KLEMPERER's injury which has kept him out of the team since the Ampol Cup quarterfinal. Herbert, the powerful stopper of the team, has a pulled muscle.**

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LAURIE PALEC, Inter-Monaro's veteran goalkeeper, who is still playing brilliantly at 34, suffered a setback to his playing chances recently when he was involved in a car accident and badly cut his hand. The gash required 10 stitches, and although they have since been removed, the wound is enough to keep him sidelined for a while.

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**First Division club QUEENS PARK had two excellent trial matches recently in which they finished off their pre-season build-up. The first team beat Granville 4-2, then held Bankstown to a 1-1 draw.**

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Queens Park have signed up a new goalkeeper in MARC RECEQUILLION, a Belgian lad who has trialled with several English clubs. Marc, only 21, played last year with Adelaide team Birkalla Rovers.

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**Sutherland' stalented goalkeeper MAL HAYNES has almost totally recovered from an injury he received early last year. Now he is working to lose some weight and build up his strength, and is working hard with JOHN LAVIN in second grade.**

**It is extremely doubtful whether Yugal's right back SEKI RADOVAC will be playing this weekend against Arncliffe. The reason is simple: He's getting married. Seki and his bride ESMA MALKIC will then go on a 10-day honeymoon.**

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Sutherland have appointed former player JOHN LAVIN as their second grade coach.

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**Yugal's TOM MIHAILOVIC, who left for Yugoslavia a few weeks ago is there on holiday—having taken advantage of the cheap air fares to travel home. While relaxing Tom will also scout around for Yugal in the hope of bringing back a couple of worthwhile players.**

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Arncliffe's Fijian striker AMANI ROCODEREA returned from Fiji recently and is back in training with the team.

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**Queens Park have virtually aquired a new under 18 team for the season. The lads, former members of the Randwick-Botany Police Boys' club, joined Queens Park en masse, with their manager after their previous club floundered. The boys have been together for nine years, and last year were champions of champions in their age group.**

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Inter Monaro's new team manager for 1979 is committeeman EDDIE TERRIBILE.

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Yugal have transferred fullback RON DELANEY to Ku-ring-gai. The 21-year-old defender was with Yugal for a season after leaving Manly.

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**Melita's coach RAUL BLANCO is still on the lookout for another goalkeeper whom he can add to the club's squad. Anyone interested should contact the Melita club.**

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Back in action last week was Ku-ring-gai's striker GRAHAM FIRRELL. Graham is gradually getting back into top condition after a cartilage injury and the club is pleased with his progress.

**Revesby Workers have signed up IAN McGOVERN from State League club Melita. Ian found that because of work commitments he was unable to devote much time to training, and Revesby's coach GREG BYLES felt that Ian could be of use to the club. Ian, as a central striker, is only 27 and should prove a valuable buy.**

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As a result of his poor disciplinary record throughout the Ampol Cup it looks as if Yugal will be willing to release ENRIQUE DUARTE. Enrique was sent off twice during the Cup, and for his latter offence still has to face the disciplinary committee. As one club official said last week, Durate is now "persona non grata" with Yugal.

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**Arncliffe have signed up former APIA and Bankstown midfielder BOBBY GOOSE. The 28-year-old player, who has been bought for his experience, is reasonably fit according to all reports, but will need a few games in reserves to get match fit. Bobby was signed up from First Division team North Sydney Inter.**

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After a few weeks of negotiating, Sutherland have managed to sign up JOHN STODDART for the rest of the season. John originally signed up to help the club out through the Ampol Cup, but the Saints were so impressed they decided to get him for the whole season.

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**Melita's coach RAUL BLANCO will probably have to face another week or so without two valuable players in VERNON DARVILL and STEVE VERVERIS, both of whom are only slowly recovering from injury.**

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KU-RING-GAI are just one of many clubs on the lookout for a masseur willing to make some money by joining the club. Anyone living on the North Shore region would be welcome, and should contact Bill Bazeley.

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**Great news for Melita fans is that HOWARD HADLEY, their experienced sweeper, could soon be back in the running for a first team place. Howard suffered a bad injury against St. George, and had to undergo surgery on his knee. Once released from hospital he threw himself into regaining his fitness, and coach RAUL BLANCO freely admits he is amazed with Howard's dedication. Now the hard work has paid off for Howard, and his doctor has informed him that he can resume playing whenever he wants.**

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Spotted last week at the Sutherland-Auburn match was national team boss RUDI GUTENDORF, accompanied by former great LEO BAUMGARTNER. It was reported that Rudi showed great interest in the performances of several Sutherland players.

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**Arncliffe's recent signing MATT GUILDEA could be out of action for two weeks after pulling up at training last week. Matt pulled a muscle in the back of his leg, and his absence will be a blow to the Scots.**

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*Jimmy Herron*

Ku-ring-gai have gained the services of former St. George and Sutherland star JIMMY HERRON. Jimmy was released from the Sharks on a free transfer, and Ku-ring-gai negotiated with the player as regards his demands. They are hopeful that his experience will help along some of the younger players in the side in their inaugural season in the State League.

# 'GABBIE'S GRANT

**NSW Premier Neville Wran promised a government grant of $25,000 to assist with the improvement of facilities at Toongabbie's new ground, the Gabbie Stadium.**

He was speaking at the opening of the ground last Sunday, an event which drew a 2500 crowd but would have been more than double but for the torrential rain.

"The club members have done a great job in getting the project off the ground," Wran said.

"In order to help them make the facilities more comfortable for their loyal supporters, we are pleased to provide these funds," he said.

He also said that "soccer is the game of today and the game of tomorrow".

The crowd was entertained by marching girls, gymnasts, a highland band, and teams from the various junior clubs from adjoining districts in a marchpast.

**— S. Mutimer**

# SCHOOLS

Tasman Cup entries have jumped to 264 schools — an alltime record.

This was achieved from a base of 257 last year, and despite the fact that 1978 entrants Bourke, West Wyalong and the two Broken Hill high schools pulled out because the distance was too great.

The Australian Schools' under-18 championship will be played in Brisbane next August.

The CBC Bank is likely to be the very welcome sponsor of the big event.

Delegates from all States will be at the St. George-Budapest Club at Mortdale next Saturday and Sunday for an all-weekend meeting at national level.

The NSW CHS soccer committee has a new convenor in Connell Byrne of North Sydney Boys' High School.

# WELL DONE, MONARO

**Inter Monaro deserves high praise for the excellent book which they recently published, giving an outline on the history of the club.**

Edited and put together by Eddie Terribile, the team manager for 1979, the book has details of all Monaro's matches from last year, accompanied by numerous action photos.

The book traces the start of the club in 1967 right through to the first season in State League in 1978, and is something which other clubs could well emulate.

Monaro should be congratulated for being proud enough of their club's history to put together such a work.

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# LADIES

On Sunday the City of Sydney plays a New Zealand select team at Barton Park.

Various Associations, Ku-ring-gai, Manly, Canterbury and now Liverpool are going ahead like wildfire, and high school teams abound.

The country areas,, such as Western and Waggs, are coming in.

Meanwhile in the St. George area the chance to run women's competition has been spurned.

So St. George teams cannot play in their own district, but have to join Canterbury or Sutherland.

But why? **— K.G.**

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# Smalltalk

Graham Harrison, a highly articulate young university lecturer and a soccer lover to boot, is the man who, with the aid of a computer, is compiling a fascinating statistical survey of all PSL clubs.

One of the main purposes of the study, as reported by colleague David Jack in "The Sun", is to ascertain the ethnic composition of our teams.

One wonders, however, what the ASF or PSL intend to do with the results.

If it turns out that some of our PSL clubs have predominantly foreign-born players — which we all know — what action can or should the ASF take?

Suppose we wish to impose a ban or quota on importations, like Germany and Spain (two per team); will our clubs vote for such a move?

The ASF must be careful not to throw out the baby with the water.

Australia has been a genuine migrant country since the war (unlike Germany, Spain, et al) and none of our industries, companies, universities, theatres, orchestras or newspapers would be able to exist without the brains or brawns of migrants.

In fact, but for Australia's long-standing migrant policy, Sir Arthur could not have asked for the survey, Harrison couldn't compile it and David Jack couldn't have reported it — all are migrants or sons of migrants themselves.

I feel the survey is useful; it will provide food for thought, if nothing else.

But whatever the findings, they should be treated very gingerly and intelligently, not emotionally.

On a conservative estimate, 75 per cent of all PSL spectators are migrants or children of migrants; of the 14 coaches one was born in Australia.

## WHO'D BE LEFT

The three executives of the PSL were all born overseas; so was the manager of the PSL and secretary of the ASF and 80 per cent of our leading referees and soccer writers.

And yet, I agree, the long-term future of soccer in this country can be based only on local talent; endless importation will merely maintain the status quo and stagnation.

So when the survey is finished, perhaps the PSL should turn its attention to an even more crucial problem: how to attract native-born Australians to soccer?

What's wrong with the importations is not that they are allowed to come — but that they are needed at all.

If we had a more sensible junior network, more qualified coaches and, as a result of these two, more dedicated and skilled young Australian players, the problem would solve itself rapidly.

So that's where the problem should be tackled first; Sir Arthur must treat the illness, not just its symptoms.

To mindlessly impose quotas without eliminating the need for them is cheap demagoguery and Australian soccer has suffered sufficiently from that over the years.

If we decided to forcibly "Australianise" the game forthwith there would be hardly anybody left to administer, referee, coach, play or watch the game or even to write about it, for that matter.

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What Will I Do When I Win The Pools? It's hard to say. Possibly, like many others, I'll do quite a few irrational things deeply regretting them later.

But one thing is for sure: I'll shout Australian Soccer Pools a new columnist. I'll pay his salary for a certain period unless, of course, he emulates the deeds of their current one, Keith Miller, who manages to write about everything except soccer in his paid, advertisement column.

Last Friday Miller outdid even himself: he managed only one soccer item (six printed lines) while he chit-chatted about his old love, cricket.

You soccer lovers could find out about the dreary state of Headingly cricket ground in Yorkshire, a long forgotten old boys' game and the decorations of the MCG.

We have always suspected that Soccer Pools have nothing to do with soccer, except in the purest gambling sense.

But it's still a bit surprising that the Pools people allow this suspicion to be confirmed by their columnist's blatant disregard of soccer news in what, presumably, is a soccer column.

— **Andrew Dettre**


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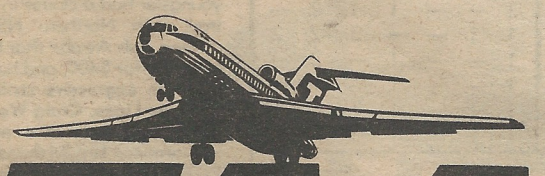

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# CANBERRA BOOM NO MYSTERY

— *By Stephen Dettre* —

**Canberra is often quoted as the soccer citadel of Australia; their boom is frequently described as a miracle.**

**For the first round of the PSL I visited the nation's capital to see what the atmosphere was like before, during and after a match.**

Weighing it all up on the trip back to Sydney it hit me that the whole Canberra City venture is being run mainly on sheer desperation.

The frenzy is not so much generated by a single match, but by the deep-down knowledge that if City fails, then all the local soccer enthusiasts will be condemned to watching backwater standard stuff once again.

I am not saying that this desperation is a bad thing.

In fact, it has had a good effect, for it has swept up a good many people and got them seriously involved in their sport, many for the first time.

The desperation has also forced club officials and helpers to think positively and intelligently about laying solid foundations for the club's future.

They are exploiting a unique situation in Canberra to the fullest, and are hoping that the hard work now will pay off later. And it may.

High unemployment, lack of weekend activities, a sterile Public Service atmosphere, and a fine stadium have all been adroitly exploited for Canberra City's advantage.

One of these advantages is the small, compact size of the city which automatically breeds local patriotism; St. Etienne and Stuttgart also have it but not Paris and Berlin. Megalopolises tend to become cynical.

Another huge advantage is that Canberra has one PSL team where Melbourne has three — and Sydney an unbelievable five.

It is possible to harness all the existing or latent interest and energy and then channel it towards one cause.

**In Sydney nobody barracks for a team just because it happens to be based in Sydney — only "his" Marconi, St. George, Olympic, etc.**

Canberra was also able to make a fresh start, without being tied down by traditions, prejudices or the weight of success and failures.

Long established clubs move much slower, with greater circumspect — and with less spectacular results.

**This doesn't detract from Canberra's achievements; they brilliantly utilised local conditions which probably also exist in other country centres but remain dormant.**

Also let's not forget a vital component: while clubs in other cities have to struggle and sweat to lease, rent or build their grounds, Canberra City received, on a silver platter, the splendid Bruce Stadium built by the Labor Government at a cost of millions — without the club having to put a cent towards it.

Now, while people are willing to be drawn to watch Canberra, they are being conditioned to accept the afternoon as entertainment as much as a soccer event.

As the dreaded "hardening of the arteries" arrives, and enthusiasm to "help out" drops, people will still automatically go to see Canberra play.

**Promotions for the match ranged from newspaper coverage, radio time and a bright, catchy advertisement on TV during the week, to the pre-match entertainment on the day. Again, let's remember that advertising rates in Sydney are incomparably higher and beyond the reach of most clubs.**

Dreading a cheap, gimmicky promotion a la Sydney, I was pleasantly surprised by Canberra's program, most of which seem to have a lot of thought behind them.

The obligatory juniors marchpast was followed by presentation of the club mascot; a large, bounding English sheep dog named Barnabas which drew cheers of delight and the unsual celebrity kick off.

One aspect which really caught the eye was the cheer squad; no unco-ordinated clumsy 10-year-olds here.

**Rather, a squad of eight teenage girls going through a "dance" routine which they periodically repeated throughout the match to the club song whenever Canberra scored, or were on the attack.**

Of course, the whole show was well amplified by the magnificent setting of the Bruce Stadium.

Nestled in the isolated area of Bruce, the stadium, like a small slice of the Munich Olympic Stadium, has been astutely exploited by Canberra City.

*"Not only your own private dressing-room and bath but your very own Eastern handmaidens to scrub your back"*

It would have been pointless to put on a show at Manuka Oval, where all the effect would have been lost.

At Bruce the surroundings are first class, making the task of the entertainers easier.

Undoubtedly, the stadium brought out many new fans — and why not?

**The view from anywhere is spectacular, but from the top section it is quite breathtaking — unlike anything I have seen in Australia.**

The gradient is one aspect which causes most comment, for it is steep, and more than one person stumbled down the steps after losing balance.

Steps seem to be the vogue with Canberra City, for you have to descend a flight to reach the clubrooms, in the heart of the Civic Centre.

Situated in a basement, with a total area about the size of an average home's floor space, they house a bar, dining room and poker machine area.

Although by no means palatial, like the APIA or Hakoah clubs, it suits the needs of the city's soccer people as a place to meet and talk, all the while being watched by soccer posters which festoon the walls.

**If there is one thing that can be "copied" from Canberra it is their willingness to exploit what they have, and to abandon anything which becomes forced, labored and boring.**

The concept of providing "entertainment" may not be as worthwhile in Sydney as in Canberra, where a great many people are not soccer fans and are lured out by the show.

Also Canberra City has built up a tremendous loyalty following; people go to support Canberra when they play teams towards which Canberrans harbor "jealousies".

There is nothing they like better than to see a Melbourne or Sydney team beaten, which is something that the rest of us, in our established soccer areas, don't even think about; in fact, it would be true to say that we would prefer to see the underdog win over the giant.

Canberra is an exciting place to live if you want to watch soccer with an atmosphere, and if the present side gets further, the standard of football might be just as good.

# Promotions go down the drain

**Heavy, at times torrential rain ruined what could have been two interesting promotions last Sunday.**

However, even allowing for the rain, Sydney City's program at Wentworth Park was a doubtful success.

For about an hour before the match, ear-splitting disco music "entertained" the crowd; it's unlikely that the hard-core of the club supporters, well into their middle ages, would have enjoyed the modern pop.

The Sydney City cheer squad did its best to look cheerful and pretty but failed to change the damp atmosphere created by the small crowd and the rain.

Then the skydiving act had to be cancelled. Three men waited around a little red carpet in the middle of the field, hopefully peering skywards; but as the weather closed in, the flight was called off, the carpet folded up and the spectacular cancelled.

Lord Mayor Nelson Meers did kick off but even this significant segment would have gone off better in a packed stadium.

The pigeons didn't appear, either, probably because of the weather though their flight to freedom would have been the least disturbed by the rain.

Sydney City would do well to induce the Wentworth Park Trust to have their crackling old PA system replaced; every announcement is accompanied by a double echo as in the Grand Canyon.

**At Barton Park the potential was there, but it failed to burst through the continual rain that ruined St. George's planned prematch entertainment.**

A brass band, cosily seated in the midst of the stand, kept up a good, lively background of music, but the planned march past, and presentation of the Saints new mascot, Captain Cook, were almost total washouts.

About the only highlight was the group of marching girls, who went through a brisk performance with a few good moves — more than the soccer team did — proving that they can do more than the inane "precision" marching stuff we usually get.

As for "Captain Cook", he was drenched by the time he reached the middle of the ground, and even when he arrived there little happened; and anyway, not too many people were interested in his antics.

The march-past of juniors was a flop, with only four clubs being represented, and one club sending six youngsters only.

Overall the presentation and pre-match ceremonies differed very little from what we all expected, and indeed from what we got last year.

March pasts excite nobody, and St. George should concentrate on bands and marching girls, which provide color, action and noise.

The appearance of young boys selling Saints souvenirs was a good idea, and rosettes, T-shirts, stickers and flags all sold well; whether they continue to sell is another matter.

But at least they added a bit of contrast to the almost overpowering predominance of blue and gold that "littered" the western end of the stand — the Canberra fans.

St. George should keep up the work, but should be more discriminating and discard ideas which didn't work, and build on those which did.

# Stuart Mutimer's FACE TO FACE with Roy Cotton

**Roy Cotton, St. George's curly-haired signing from England, was adamant that his goal in the Ampol Cup quarterfinal against Sydney Olympic was no fluke.**

"I saw the 'keeper advancing off his line and with a swirling wind behind me, I decided to have a go," he said.

That curling shot from an acute angle, some 40 m out, helped St. George to a 1-0 win over Olympic.

And straight after the goal, Cotton — arms raised in triumph — was mobbed by team mates, fully illustrating the air of confidence that has swept through the Saints' camp.

"The officials are right behind coach Joe Gelei and the players," said Roy.

"They are doing everything possible to help the new players get settled. I am very grateful to them."

Roy, born in London in 1955, played for Brentford for two years as an amateur while still at school. But once he turned 17 he left school and joined Orient.

He made his first team debut when he was 18 in a League Cup game against Birmingham at St. Andrew's (Birmingham's home).

"It was a tremendous feeling, especially playing in front of 35,000 roaring supporters," said Roy.

Roy stayed with Orient for four years and played several first team matches, before transferring to Third Division side Aldershot.

But, after just five days with the relegation haunted side, he broke a leg.

"That's what you call a nice introduction," joked Roy.

The skilful striker was out out of action for 18 restless months.

During his "break" from the game, he met St. George director Les Bordacs, who was in England having talks with England international Ralph Coates.

Bordacs offered him a contract, which Roy accepted after several days of talking things over with his wife.

But before he left for sunny Australia, Roy made his debut for Aldershot against Reading in September.

What does Roy think of Australian soccer?

"What I have seen so far has impressed me, but I will be able to make a better judgment once I have seen several more PSL games.

"There are many talented players in the St. George side and I am sure we will do well this year despite our poor start."

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## SYDNEY CITY 2 (2)
## ADEL. CITY 3 (0)

**Goals:** 1-0 Souness (4m), 2-0 Barnes (45m), 2-1 Deans (48m), 2-2 Deans (58m), 2-3 Deans (68m).
**SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke 3, Mullen 3, Thomson 4, O'Connor 3, Trenter 2, Stevenson 3, Watson 2, Barnes 3, Campbell 3, Smith 2 (Bruce 71m), Souness 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.
**ADELAIDE CITY:** Marshall 3, Russell 3, Perin 3, Muir 3, Dods 4, Melta 3 (B. Nyskohus 46m), Muniz 4, Northcote 3, **Deans** 5, J, Nyskohus 4, Kent 2 (Marwe 85m). **Coach:** R. Rasic.
**Sent off:** Muniz 87m. **Caution:** Perin.
**Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 1500 (estim.)

Although Sydney City held a seemingly commanding lead at halftime, they never looked comfortable. Indeed, both their goals came from freekicks and only after Adelaide City had managed to miss three good chances.

It all changed after halftime. Rasic reshuffled his side, sending the keen, tall Dods onto the right flank and bringing in Bugsy Nyskohus — and the new chemistry worked wonders.

Dixie Deans pulled one back following a corner by Muniz and a gentle headed flick by Muir, and 10 minutes later, after a superb cross by Dods, Deans headed home a stunningly cheeky goal at the near post.

From then on it was clear that the faster, fitter and much more determined Adelaide City would end up with both points.

Fittingly, the winner again came from a Muniz-Dods-Deans move: Muniz beat two men, slipped the ball to Dods whose sharp cross was volleyed home by the even sharper Deans

Some four mnutes from the end Muniz had himself sent off, rather unnecessarily, after going over the ball.

— A. Dettre

## MARCONI 0(0)
## BRISB. LIONS 1 (1)

**Goal:** 0-1 Wallace (5m).
**MARCONI:** Maher 3, Degney 3, Russell 4, Prskalo 4, Lindsay 3 (Berry 60m), Henderson 4, Byrne 3, Vieri 3 (Selvage 21m), Krncevic 4, Mariani 3, Sharne 3. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.
**LIONS:** Lowndes 4, Lawrie 3, Niven 4, Bennett 4, Hermiston 4, Hughes 3, Ogden 3 (Wilson 87m), Wallace 4 (Laslo 86m), Amos 4, Ontong 4, Spearitt 4. **Coach:** E. Spearitt.
**Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 3800.

Former Bologna star Roberto Vieri failed to boost Marconi into a match winning side against a very well marshalled Lions team. Vieri appeared briefly for only 21 minutes before being quickly replaced, obviously lacking match fitness.

Eddie Spearritt and Jim Hermiston were in command in centrefield, keeping the forwards well fed with a constant supply of the ball which kept Arthur Maher on his toes for most of the game. Maher seemed rather shaky throughout but he had to contend with a slow moving defence struggling to regain form.

With the Marconi midfield in tatters, the forwards had very few breaks up front, the best of which came from a cross by Vieri in the 17th minute from which Mariani scored but the referee disallowed.

The only players to come out with their reputation intact were Mariani and young Krncevic who, despite the lack of ball supply, kept Marconi's hopes alive right to the end. For Brisbane Lions, Spearritt, Hermiston and Bennett won the day, while up front Amos and Ontong were a constant threat to the Marconi defence.

— C. Spiteri

## ST GEORGE 2 (1)
## CANBERRA 4 (3)

**Goals:** 0-1 Stark (3m), 0-2 Salgado (6m), 0-3 Stark (26m), 1-3 O'Connor (31m), 2-3 Morgan (51m), 2-4 Moulis (74m).
**ST GEORGE:** Coe 2, Harris 2, Della Picca 3, Grosse 2, Terry 2, J. O'Shea 3, R. O'Shea 2, Cotton 2 (Gnavi 4, 45m), Morgan 3 (Kay 67m), Matic 3, O'Connor 4. **Coach:** J. Gelei.
**CANBERRA CITY:** Hoszowski 4, Moulis 4, **Stark** 5, Brown 3, Salgado 3 (Hogg 51m), Cant 4, **Davies** 5, Farrell 3, **Byrne** 5, Bailey 3, Arquero 3 (Fielding 57m). **Coach:** V. Fernandez.
**Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 2250.

Canberra took ful advantage of a shockingly disorganised Saints defence to go two up after only six minutes, and then cruise easily through the rest of the match.

Outstanding for City were Byrne and Davies. Byrne was brilliant in attack, both on and off the ball.

Davies wasn't as dominant as against Marconi, but he was the marshal directing the flow of play. Canberra were strong in all departments, just as Saints were poor all round. Coe can take the blame for two or three of the goals, especially the first and the last.

However, he was not the only culprit, and many others also tarnished their reputation. Roy Cotton was poor, wasting far too much possession and failing to tackle back.

Canberra's first two goals had an element of luck, with Coe allowing Stark's 35-metre shot to slither under him, then being beaten by Salgado's deflected freekick. Stark's second was well taken, as was Moulis' thunderos fourth, while O'Connor's goal was the purest of the lot.

— S. Dettre

## STH. MELB. 1 (1)
## SYD. OLYMPIC 0

**Goal:** 1-0 (Evans 28m).
**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Reilly 4, Kalafatidis 4, Turner 3, Munro 3, Baxter 3, Lutton 4, Wright 4, Christopoulos 4, **Evans** 5, Cummings 3 (Drakeford 4, 45m), Campbell 3. **Coach:** D. McLaren.
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier 4, Coton 3, Bell 3, Wilson 4, Ainslie 2, Cross 4, Raskopoulos 3, Jamieson 3 (Palmer 60m), **Laing** 5, Eaton 4, McIntosh 3 (Botham 45m). **Coach:** J. Marston.
**Cautions:** Evans, Lutton.
**Referee:** C. Bambridge. **Crowd:** 4,500.

South Melbourne opened up play to have the Sydney goal under siege for 15 minutes. Evans had a great shot saved by Meier in the third minute.

Two minutes later Cummings missed a sitter, but atoned with a cross from which Turner scraped the crossbar. McIntosh headed in for Olympic with an attempt which scraped the far post in the 15th minute.

South were back in attack once more with Olympic struggling. A Campbell corner found Evans unmarked, the result being an unstoppable shot in the 28th minute.

Laing was Olympic's star player. I thought the referee erred when Laing was fouled and still retained possession of the ball to at least have a chance of scoring.

A penalty to South was blasted over the bar by George Campbell, and Evans went close with five minutes to go. Considering the fact that Fitzroy were playing as well, the crowd of 4,500 was a good one.

Olympic played with gusto and both McIntosh and Eaton had ample chances to save at least one of the points.

— J. Stephen

## WEST AD. 1 (0)
## NEWCASTLE 1 (0)

**Goals:** 1-0 Pillans (80m), 1-1 Sneddon (88m).
**WEST ADELAIDE:** **Crook** 5, Bozanic 4, **Reynolds** 5, McGachey 4, Kambas 3, **Jones** 5, Boyle 3 (Zervas 61m), Pillans 4, Norris 4, Honeyman 3 (McGregor 61m), McCulloch 3. **Coach:** T. Forde.
**NEWCASTLE UNITED:** **Dando** 5, Willis 4, **Summerscales** 5, **Drinkwater** 5 **Seddon** 5, Curran 4, Heys 3, Boden 3, Cowburn 3 (Tredinnick 60m), McClelland 4 (Sneddon 88m), Harris 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.
**Caution:** McGachey.
**Referee:** G. Neal. **Crowd:** 6,127.

With missed chances the rule rather than the exception, the tension mounted until big David Pillans put Westad in front 10 minutes from full-time. Westad then appeared safe, but the advent of substitute John Sneddon wiped out United's deficit.

Sneddon had graced the arena for a mere three minutes when he seized an opening to glide home an equaliser for Newcastle. Had half of the scoring chances been accepted this would have been a tall-scoring game.

Graham Norris should have opened West's account after seven minutes when he accepted a great throughball from Graham Honeyman to rip into the box, but with only Phil Dando in United's goal to beat he blazed his shot wide. Dogged defence and rugged tackling kept Newcastle in the match until Graham Heys missed the easiest of easy chances a minute before the interval. The diminutive flame-haired winger was guilty of another incredible miss mid-way through the second half.

— A. Crisp

## BRISB. CITY 2 (1)
## APIA 0

**Goals:** 1-0 Echeverria (22m), 2-0 Caldwell (pen. 71m).
**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart 3, Perry 3, Ratcliffe 3, Potter 4, Wilkinson 3 (Rathmell 46m), Pimblett 3, Echeverria 3, Gaffney 4, Caldwell 4, Kelso 3 (Brusasco 80m), Lowe 3. **Coach:** N. Saftich.

**APIA:** McQuire 3, Skellern 3, Wilson 4, Rowden 3, Turnbull 3, Carruthers 4, Stone 3 (Drews 72m), O'Donnel 3, Reid 3, Scott 3 (Butler 81m), Vernon 4. **Coach:** J. Adam.
**Caution:** Gaffney. **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 3,100.

City have thrown down a gauntlet to PSL. They have taken their "Philips Cup Percentage Soccer" into the league and after two games have a 100% record.

They broke fast, pushed forward, and had they taken all the chances created by Caldwell's powerful running they could have scored at least six, Gaffney, Lowe and Pimblett all scorning perfect targets. The consummate skills of Echeverria created the first Brisbane goal when with great ball control he set up his own unstoppable left-foot volley. Caldwell sealed the game with a penalty after Rowden inexplicably palmed a cross out at the edge of the box.

Technically APIA were not a bad team, but PSL is not the place to blood too much young talent. Wilson needs help; too often is he dragged into the "stopping" role while no one does the "covering". Likewise, Carruthers needs a ball winner or a forceful attacker to supplement his midfield crafts.

A subdued Stone was quiet on the day. Young Vernon did pay his way only to see his perfectly flighted crosses picked out of the air by a virtually unchallenged Wishart.

— J. Binnie

## FOOTSCRAY 2 (2)
## FITZROY 2 (2)

**Goals:** 1-0 Ristovski (7m), 2-0 Picioane (24m), 2-1 Buljevic (30m), 2-2 Cole (pen. 42m).
**FOOTSCRAY:** Potter 3, Ilioski 4, Ristic 3, Kondarios 3, Jovanovic 4, Palinkas 4, Picioane 4, Ollerton 3, Jovicic 3, Ristovski 4, Lujic 4. **Coach:** C. Cerkovic.

**FITZROY:** Banovic 3, McMillan 4, Tansey 4, O'Reilly 3 (P. Bannon 75m), Provan 3, Rooney 4, Selemidis 4 (Taylor 60m), Campbell 3, Bouzikas 3, Cole 4, Buljevic 4. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

**Referee:** J. Johnson (Tasmania). **Crowd:** 5,000.

Footscray showed up well in the first half hour by leading 2-0, and it might well have been 5-0 if Ristovski and Palinkas had been on target with the goals wide open on three occasions.

Ristovski took a penalty after seven minutes, which Banovic got his hands to, but Ristovski, racing in, scored. Picioane got the second from a free, which scorched home.

Banovic seemed nervous in his first Philips League game. Buljevic was given room by Kondarios and Jovicic to head home. This was the signal for Fitzroy to get back into the game.

A penalty for hands saw Cole slot home in the 42nd minute for the equaliser.

The second half was worthy of a cup final, with referee Johnson handling the situation to everybody's satisfaction.

Footscray's clever ball skills were countered by the disciplined, fit Fitzroy well.

It's clear that it will take time for OLlerton to settle into the schemeof things with Footscray but soon he should start to be among the goals.

— J. Stephen

# PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS...

● **Former Sydney City captain Henry Mowbray is back to light training and could be ready to resume in about six to eight weeks.**

● Rale Rasic: "Perin will be our permanent stopper. Once he gets used to this position, he will be the Beckenbauer of Australian soccer."

● **Adelaide City midfield ace Gary Marocchi will be fit in about two weeks to resume.**

● Marconi striker Mark Jankovics has a suspected torn muscle and may have to rest for a few weeks.

● **Adelaide City stopper Jim Muir: "Tim Davies is the best referee I've seen in Australia. I would have also sent off Muniz for his foul."**

● Sydney City's Hilton Silva had to miss Sunday's game because of a calf injury but is expected to be fit for the weekend. His compatriot from Brazil, Luis de Melo, still has his left foot in plaster.

● **Gerry Chaldi is certain to make some changes in the Sydney City line-up: Ian Bruce will play and Silva may also come back.**

● Ex-South Australian international and Sydney Hakoah goalie Charlie Horvath is now the goalkeeping coach of Adelaide City.

● **Former Prague all-time great Herbert Ninaus was at the Sydney City v Adelaide match — his first in 10 years. "I think the Hakoah of 1961-62 would have eaten this Sydney City alive," he commented. "There is too much rush and not enough skill in the game today."**

● Vic Fernandez was pleased with the overall team performance against St. George, but feels that there is room for improvement in the technical side of the game. He said after the match that he felt they played good soccer for the first 20 minutes, then in patches until the last quarter of an hour.

● **Canberra officials are expecting a crowd of over 10,000 for Canberra's home match this week against Footscray. There is no weekend entertainment competing for people as there was on the Marconi weekend, and with two victories and seven goals under their belts the Canberrans could well break the five figure mark.**

● Vic Fernandez feels that having a large squad of equally efficient players has helped raise the team performances, for each player knows that he must give his all to retain a team spot. Vic singled out talented midfielder John Davies, a driving force in Canberra's midfield, as one of the players who has benefited from this situation, as John is getting far more involved.

● **Brian Stoddart asked to go on the transfer list at Canberra City, realising that the task of regaining fitness and a first team place will be an almighty battle.**

● Ivan Gruicic, still Canberra's top goalscorer, has given himself a four-week deadline to regain fitness and a position in the PSL team, otherwise he, too, may have to seek a transfer.

● **Canberra's reserve goalie, David Lindenmeyer, has taken a couple of weeks off from playing to sort out some personal problems. At present Steve Hoszowski is playing brilliantly and, barring injury, should easily keep his first team spot.**

● **Two of Canberra City's youngsters renewed their contracts last week. They are Mike Milovanovic, 18, who last season was a regular fullback, and David Lindenmeyer, 18, the reserve goalkeeper who recently returned from a trip to Holland where he trained with the Philips sponsored team PSV Eidenhoven.**

● The Canberra City "media invasion" continues: On local radio station 2XX at 9.00am on Saturday mornings five minutes of the local Soccer Show will be devoted to club activities; after every Canberra match, home or away, radio station 2CC will give a report at 5.15pm, while Canberra coach Vic Fernandez will now write weekly for the "Queanbeyan Age" newspaper.

● **Why hasn't the fine fullback Bobby McGinn been seen with APIA? He returned to Sydney after an off-season holiday in Scotland carryig a knee injury that is taking some time to overcome. It was sustained when playing on an icy playing pitch.**

● You think Sydney Olympic got a bargain by signing Young Australia forward Graham Jennings for five hundred bucks? Newcastle did one better by settling with clever midfielder with the scoring flair, Brett Cowburn. The youngster had a clause in his contract with Northern NSW first division club Awaba that he could get away for $400, and he did.

● **The aggressive striker with Brisbane Lions, Craig Wallace, is the same player who made 11 appearances for Brisbane City in 1978. Player-coach Eddie Spearritt sees him as a success in front of goal this season.**

# PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | BP | TP | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
| 1 (2) CANBERRA | 2 | 2 | — | — | 7 | 3 | 4 | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 (1) BRISBANE CITY | 2 | 2 | — | — | 6 | 2 | 4 | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 (7) FITZROY | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | 2 | 3 | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 (4) NEWCASTLE | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | 2 | 3 | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 (6) WEST ADELAIDE | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | 3 | — | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| 6 (3) OLYMPIC | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| 7 (5) SYDNEY CITY | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 8 (8) BRISBANE LIONS | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 |
| 9 (9) SOUTH MELBOURNE | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — |
| 10 (12) ADELAIDE CITY | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 11 (14) FOOTSCRAY | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| 12 (11) ST. GEORGE | 2 | — | — | 2 | 2 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| 13 (13) MARCONI | 2 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | — |
| 14 (10) APIA | 2 | — | — | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |

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# PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '79

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| WEST ADELAIDE | ★ | | | | | | | | | | 1-1 | | | |
| SYDNEY CITY | | ★ | | | | | | | | 2-3 | | | | |
| S. MELBOURNE | | | ★ | | | | | 1-0 | | | | | | |
| MARCONI | | | | ★ | | 0-1 | | | | | | | | |
| FITZROY | | | | | ★ | | 1-0 | | | | | | | |
| BRIS. LIONS | | 1-2 | | | | ★ | | | | | | | | |
| ST GEORGE | | | | | | | ★ | | | | | 2-4 | | |
| OLYMPIC | | | | | | | | ★ | | | | 2-0 | | |
| APIA | 0-1 | | | | | | | | ★ | | | | | |
| ADELAIDE CITY | | | | | | | | | | ★ | | | | 2-4 |
| NEWCASTLE | | | 2-1 | | | | | | | | ★ | | | |
| FOOTSCRAY | | | | | 2-2 | | | | | | | ★ | | |
| CANBERRA | | | | 3-1 | | | | | | | | | ★ | |
| BRISBANE CITY | | | | | | | | | 2-0 | | | | | ★ |

## PSL NEWS...PSL NEWS...PSL NEWS

● **Despite Martin Coe's stinker last week, St. George coach Joe Gelei is not certain to drop him in favor of Mike Fraser. "Every goalkeeper can have a blackout. I know; I did, too."**

● Rudi Gnavi, with a classy display in the second half, has assured himself a spot in the St. George team against Lions on Sunday.

● **The Saints will have a minor reshuffle: the unfit Cotton will be left out, Utjesenovic is likely to return and either Grosse or R. O'Shea may play at fullback.**

● Marconi will bring back Brogan and Jankovics this week after their injuries but Vieri, unfit, is unlikely to play.

● **"We are hungry for points; just one win would restore the confidence of the players," says Marconi coach Les Scheinflug.**

● Club official Frank Labozzetta and Roberto Vieri did find a good Italian prospect on their recent trip — but he may not be available for some time yet.

● **Newcastle have an accomplished wing-striker in Graham Heys, but one important facet of his game — his shooting — will have to be improved.**

● George Potter, Brisbane City's new signing from neighbors Brisbane Lions, has been made the club's fulltime promotions officer, a long overdue appointment. This is another bold step by the club's new board of directors who appear to be willing to pour some money into new areas.

● **APIA star Rosario Rampanti had to miss last Sunday's game because of a muscle injury but will be back in action this weekend keen to show that he is worth more than "40,000 cents".**

● APIA expect a new Scottish first division striker to arrive within two weeks; they are not too happy about the form of their "gentle giant", Andy Scott, whose flow of goals has dried up.

● **Olympic's sponsorship this year is shared by Attiki, Patra, Ingham and a hardware company — plus the social club. So now you can eat yoghurt and chicken, wash it down with orange juice and hope for a defence as strong as steel . . .**

● New Olympic capture Graham Jennings played brilliantly for the reserves last weekend and is certain to make his debut against West Adelaide; coach Marston's headache is whom to drop?

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

### THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sydney City v Marconi | 3pm, Wentworth Park |
| Olympic v West Adelaide | 3pm, Barton Stadium |
| Fitzroy v Sth. Melbourne | 3pm, Olympic Pk. No. 2 |
| Adel. City v APIA | 2.30pm, Hindmarsh Stadium |
| Newcastle v Brisb. City | 2.30pm, Inter. Sp. Centre |
| Canberra v Footscray | 2.30pm, Bruce Stadium |
| Brisb. Lions v St. George | 3pm, Perry Park |

### NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

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|---|---|
| Footscray v Brisb. Lions | 3pm, Olympic No. 2 |
| Marconi v Adel. City | 3pm, Marconi Stadium |
| APIA v Newcastle | 3pm, Wentworth Park |
| St. George v Sydney City | 3pm, St. George Stadium |
| Sth. Melb. v Canberra | 3pm, Middle Park |
| West. Adel. v Fitzroy | 2.30pm, Hindmarsh |
| Bris. City v Olympic | 3pm, Perry Park |

## TOP PSL SCORERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Deans (Adel. City) | 4 |
| Caldwell (Brisb. City) | 2 |
| Cole (Fitzroy) | 2 |
| Davies (Canberra) | 2 |
| Echeverria (Brisb. City) | 2 |
| Souness (Syd. City) | 2 |

## REMINDER

| | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|
| Sydney City v Marconi | 2-4 | 0-0 |
| Olympic v West Adel. | 0-4 | 2-4 |
| Fitzroy v Sth. Melb. | 5-2 | 4-1 |
| Adel. City v APIA | 1-2 | 4-2 |
| Newcastle v Brisb. City | — | 2-3 |
| Canberra v Footscray | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Br. Lions v St. George | 1-1 | 0-0 |


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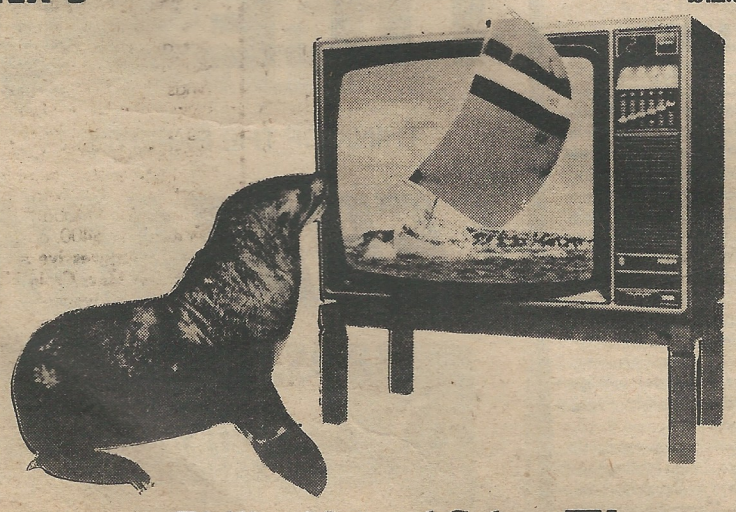

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## THE WEEK THAT WAS

● Rale Rasic, Adelaide City: "We came to win in Sydney. And we intend to win all other four Sydney games as well."

● Gerry Chaldi of Sydney City: "Adelaide deserved their win; they were much keener, faster and more composed. The majority of our players had a shocking game — even in the first half when we held a good lead, I feared we'd lose."

● Says APIA secretary Harry Ambrose: "John Vernon played a blinder in Brisbane — but had no partners up front. With an average attack we could have scored four or five goals."

● Veterans are handy at times: Dave McQuire was dramatically recalled into the APIA goal to replace the stale young Greg Woodhouse — and played as well as in his heydays.

● Young Socceroo goalie Greg Woodhouse was most upset about being dropped just before the Brisbane City match. However, APIA officials feel that the rest will have done him some good, having had almost non-stop soccer for months.

● Harry Ambrose, the APIA secretary, is full of praise for Brisbane City's hospitality. "All PSL clubs could take a leaf out of their book," he says, "they were absolutely wonderful to us. Even had champagne in the dressing room after the game." Hopefully, not before . . .

● Marconi coach Les Scheinflug: "We had no midfield again. I need just one player who can set the pace and feed our three strikers. At present our best midfielder is Henderson, who is really a defender."

● Scheinflug again: "We missed three chances against Lions, then had a Mariani goal disallowed. Sharne was fouled twice in the box. Lions scored an early goal and that was enough for them to win."

● The Marconi coach is not happy with the form of his defenders. "They have no bite, no aggression," he says. "Degney's timing is all wrong, his overlaps and crosses are wasted. We have a lot of work to do there."

● Olympic coach Joe Marston: "I judge a game by the work of the goalies; Jack Reilly had twice as much to do as our Gary Meier, yet we lost. On chances we could have won 6-4."

● John Constantine, Olympic president: "We played better than in the first week. McIntosh and Eaton had half a dozen chances between them and missed the lot."

● Joe Gelei, St. George: "Anybody who takes up coaching must be braced for all sorts of shocks. But Martin Coe's display stunned me: he was 'in' all four Canberra goals. I can't understand it as before that he was in good form. The first two soft goals knocked the team cold."

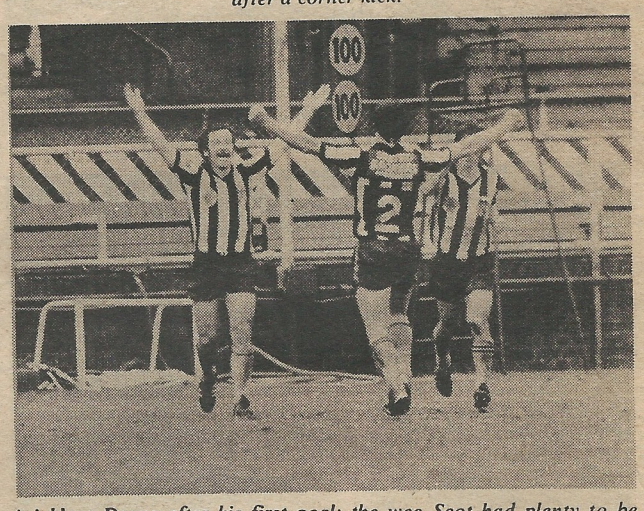
● Adds an increasingly disenchanted Joe Gelei: "After two matches we have no points. Now we play in Brisbane, then against Sydney City and Marconi. So we have to shake things up before we're left behind."

● APIA coach Jim Adam feels that his squad will take a bit more time to blend together, allowing the two basic components — Wests and APIA — to jell.

● Tom Forde of West Adelaide: "The result was disappointing. When David Pillans scored with 10 minutes to go I thought we had the game won, but we had to be satisfied with one point."

● Alan Vest of Newcastle: "I don't like to be critical of referees, but when West scored, Norris held Dando so the goal should not have counted. The linesman waved his flag, but then put it down."

*The first of Dixie Deans' hat-trick, flicking the ball home unguarded after a corner kick.*



*A jublant Deans after his first goal; the wee Scot had plenty to be happy about on Sunday.*

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# AMPOL CUP 1979

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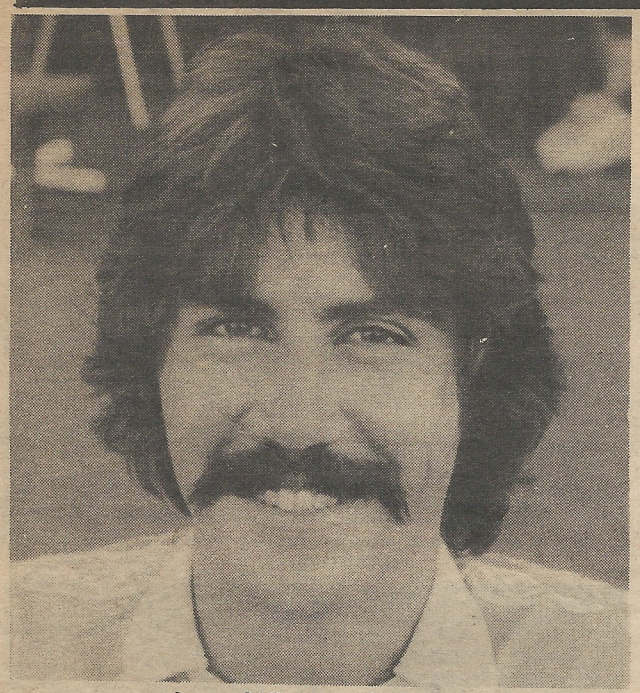
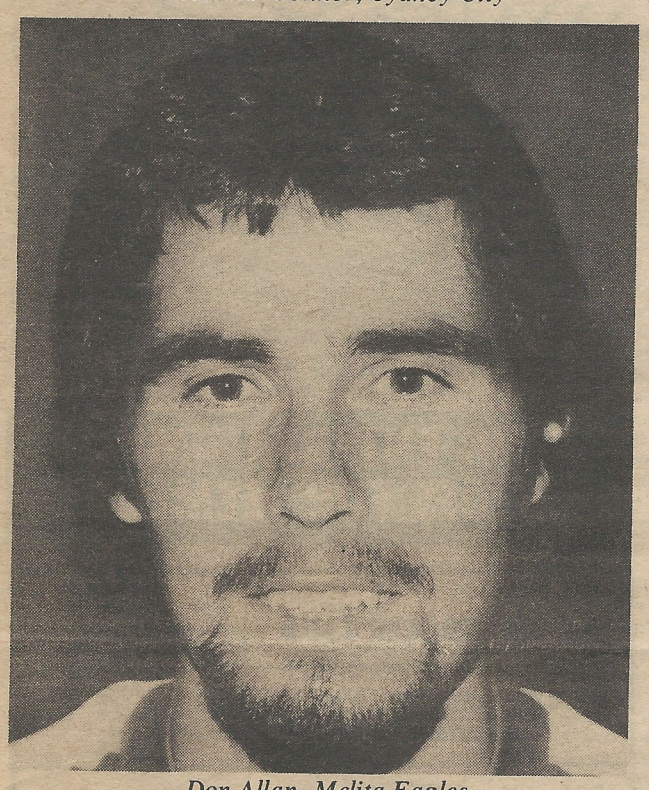
# CITY SLICKERS' STICKY FINAL

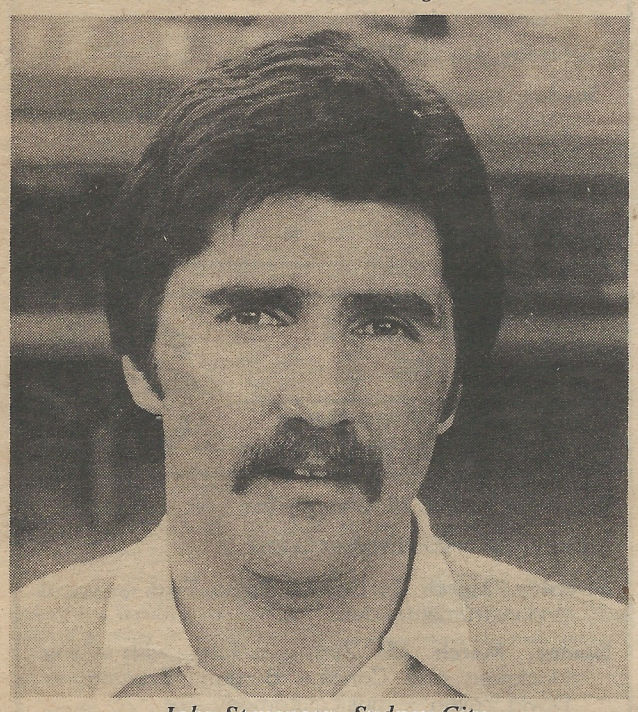
**David against Goliath, last year's PSL grand final winner versus up-and-coming State League hopefuls — that's the fare for Thursday evening's Ampol Cup final at the Sydney Sportsground.**



*Steve O'Connor, Sydney City*



*Don Allan, Melita Eagles*



*John Stevenson, Sydney City*

*— By Andrew Dettre —*

**Sydney City are almost reluctant finalists. They weren't keen to either rejoin the NSW Federation or to start in the Cup.**

Even coach Gerry Chaldi admitted a few weeks ago that he was preparing his team for the long, hard grind of the PSL season and intended to use the Cup as a tune-up.

Well, some tune-up . . . With the other PSL teams falling by the wayside, Sydney City just about had to come through and are now in line to pocket the rich first prize.

But let them beware: Melita, a superbly prepared and fit fighting machine will make it a sticky 90 minutes for the city-slickers.

Coach Raul Blanco has already blitzed a cocky St. George out of the Cup and is undoubtedly plotting to deprive Sydney City of the trophy.

Much will depend on how the two teams have come through their respective games on Sunday.

In this regard, Sydney City are a great deal better off: any injury or fatigue problem can be easily solved with their reserve strength.

For Melita, the loss or even diminished value of a key player in this midweek clash could be a crippling blow.

In some ways, it's fitting that the two finalists represent two different levels of Sydney soccer.

And it's also ominous that the State League's most ambitious outfit, Melita Eagles, have made it.

Together with Croatia, they are the likeliest candidates for PSL status in the near future and their Ampol Cup record is sure to heavily underline their claim.

All things being equal, Sydney City should clinch the trophy.

## BRISBANE

Brisbane City players have it all in front of them. During the week it was announced that the PSL squad would be on an escalating bonus based on their ability to win and keep winning. They have to be paid $20 more every time they collect two points and with the Adelaide City and APIA scalps under their belts, this week sees them take on Newcastle KB United for $210 a man. The bonus stops when the winning stops. Another sign of City's new administration getting into gear?

*John Coyne*

Rumor has it that John Coyne, Brisbane City's effervescent little forward-cum-midfielder, could be seeking a change of clubs. Coyne, probably one of the few players (if any) in Australia who can honestly say he has played alongside the great Pele, does not appear to fit into Brisbane City's style of play, and is a little bit dismayed at the prospect of playing in the new reserve grade soccer offering at City. On his game and playing with good players around him Coyne could be an asset to another club.

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As reported last week, State League entrants Townsville United are gathering no moss. Immediately after tying up major sponsorship with Kern Bros., they **procured 18 smaller sponsorships** from local business houses that will enable them to give multi-media coverage to their nine home matches. The figures reported are **$2000** in advertising per match! Someone in Townsville is showing the way. Maybe it should be made compulsory study for a few of our bigwigs. **— J. Binnie**

## NEWCASTLE

Anzac Day, Wednesday, April 25, has been set aside for the meeting of Newcastle United and Edgeworth Eagles in the first round of the Philips Cup at the International Sports Centre.

Edgeworth, winners of the Northern NSW championship last year, set a great record of going through the entire competition without defeat.

The Eagles withstood challenges from all quarters for 30 games, including the 1978 pre-season shield series.

However, the loss of several key players has weakened the team this year, and Edgeworth have failed to reach the quarterfinals of the pre-season competition.

Jim McBreen has moved to Newcastle United, Geoff Payton has returned to England, while pacy forward Jack Routledge has taken up employment in Tamworth.

Another key member of the Edgeworth defence is Chris Beatty, who has been unavailable in recent weeks because of his commitments with the NSW Sheffield Shield cricket team.

**— M. Hay**

## MELBOURNE

Sunshine City president Tom Reid is determined that State League status can be maintained in Melbourne by supporting the strong youth policy of the past. Loyalty is one thing money can't buy, he says, when talking of transfers.

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Victoria Ampol Cup finalists Green Gully Ajax and Prahran Slavia meet this Saturday (March 24) in a floodlit game at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Green Gully were lucky to make it on a goalkeeper's error by St. Kilda's Whiteside for the only goal.

Croydon could not contain the slick performance of Prahran Slavia to go down 5-1.

On that form it's Prahran Slavia for the trophy. **— Jock Stephen**

## Kosmina returns

*— By Allan Crisp —*

**Australian international striker John Kosmina could be in West Adelaide's line-up for their next home game against Fitzroy.**

Westad's manager-coach Tom Forde revealed on Monday that Kosmina had been signed from English club Arsenal for an undisclosed transfer fee—believed to be around $20,000

"I have a cable from Arsenal accepting our terms," Forde said.

"As soon as the transfer papers are finalised, John will be on his way home. We expect him here within a week."

Forde began negotiations with Arsenal manager Terry Neil when he was in England in December.

"John was in Arsenal's pool of top 16 players and that is an excellent rating for any Australian-born player," Forde said.

## ADELAIDE

*— From Vic Migliaccio —*

**Croatia, SA's Rothmans super team, showed again in last Friday night's Philips Cup elimination round at Hindmarsh Stadium that 1979 will be their year when they defeated Campbelltown City 2-0. Croatia made West Adelaide battle all the way for their 2-1 Ampol Cup final win two weeks ago. Elizabeth City also moved into the next round with a 2-1 over Polonia.**

This Friday night's Philips Cup elimination rounds are: ED Azzurri v Beograd at 7.30pm, Enfield Victoria v Cumberland at 9.05pm.

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*Dave Jones*

When asked if West Adelaide could win the PSL for two consecutive years, West Adelaide and Socceroo defender David Jones said: "Not over-confident, but a top four spot is for sure."

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Bravo, Charlie! Recently Charlie Horvath, former Australian international, Sydney Hakoah and Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper, wanted to show his gratitude for years of enjoyment from soccer by entertaining 100 people, including Adelaide City officials, players and members of the Press, to a smorgasbord at the Adelaide City club rooms. Horvath has served the Juventus Club for 14 years and is presently the PSL team goalkeepers' coach.

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While SAS 10 of Adelaide intends to keep its interest in soccer by showing an occasional interesting local match, radio 5DN has dropped the direct PSL match and will only provide progress scores throughout the afternoon. Soccer expert Frank Pangallo has been retained by the station for the service. However, last season's Pangallo broadcaster partner Pierre Vicary can be heard on radio 5KA with halftime and fulltime summaries.

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*Gary Marocchi*

Six of Adelaide City PSL squad players who didn't travel to Sydney last Sunday played in a friendly match against Para Hills in the club's second division and lost 2-1. Gary Marocchi scored City's only goal. Fred Yung and Charlie Villani played well.

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At Adelaide airport last Sunday night — Dixie Deans on his hat-trick: "Thanks to coach Rale Rasic's halftime pep talk, we started the second half in a completely dominant mood. After the equaliser, I was confident that we would win the match."


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# STATE LEAGUE

## TOONGABBIE 2 (1) — MELITA 2 (2)

Toongabbie staged a remarkable comeback to take a point off Melita Eagles. They trailed 2-1 at half-time and with the Eagles well on top they never looked like winning. Following a stern pep talk by coach Mick Jones they came out a rejuvenated side. Don Allan opened the scoring in the 15th minute after Joe Farrugia had his shot cleared off the line by fullback Jimmy Izatt. Allan made it 2-0 when the ball was hit high in the air by a Gabbie defender and Allan rose high above Parkhouse to head it past goalkeeper Bruce James. Melita were giving the Demons' defence a hard time, using long through-balls to good effect, but 2-1 came up when Cliff Pointer nodded home a Ricky Hormazabal free kick. The second half was all Toongabbie, but they found Melita goalkeeper Uwe Bracklow too hard to beat. On the hour an Ortega pass found Steve Pollard, who scored when his first shot rebounded from Bracklow.

**TOONGABBIE:** James 3, Izatt 3, Parkhouse 3, Pointer 4, Pena 3, Ortega 3, Hormazabal 3, Harding 3, Pollard 3, Cuk 3 (Taylor 45m, 3), Fisher 3.

**MELITA:** Bracklow 3, Mikas 3, McPherson 3, Yamine 3, McAusland 3, R. Farrugia 3, McDonald 3, J. Farrugia 3, Parker 3 (Griffith 45m, 3), Jones 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 Allan (15m), 0-2 Allan (30m), 1-2 Pointer (35m), 2-2 Pollard (60m).

**Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 2,500.

**— S. Mutimer**

## SUTHERLAND 3 (3) — AUBURN 2 (1)

The game went to the Sutherland side, who were more organised at the back. The Shire took an early lead and looked good thanks to the effortless Peter Beggs, who had a tremendous game all evening. Sutherland kept the ball wide to stretch the opposing defence. Stephen Leak played with authority in both halves, making it difficult for Sutherland with his height and ability to keep moving around the penalty area. Auburn were somewhat unlucky not to have scored when they barraged the Sutherland goalkeeper; Phil Craggs, over the last 20 minutes. Before that, though, Sutherland did enough to have had the game well in hand. Willie Hamilton incidentally played reserve grade, but as his injury is only slowly responding to treatment, it could be some time before he is back in the first team.

**SUTHERLAND:** Craggs 2, Woods 2 (Watkiss 75m), Wykes 3, Smith 4, Dal Forno 3, Schumann 3, Hall 2, Stoddart 2, Beggs 4, Basterfield 3, Harrington 2 (Smith 75m).

**AUBURN:** Gisbourne 2, Cornett 2 (Field 45m), Gary Fairclough 3, Glen Fairclough 3 (Tilt 75m), Woods 3, McDonald 3, Hogg 2, McKendrick 2, Juchniewicz 3, Leak 4, Montgomery 2.

**Goals:** 1-0 Hall (7m), 1-1 Cornett (30m), 2-1 Beggs (36m), 3-1 Schumann (41m), 3-2 Juchniewicz (63m).

**Referee:** G. King. **Crowd:** 1,579.

**— R. Dewick**

## GRANVILLE 1 (1) — BANKSTOWN 2 (1)

It was George Butler who won the game for Bankstown with virtually his first touch of the ball after coming on as 84th minute replacement for Billy Angelopoulos. The match was one of two contrasting halves, with Bankstown dominating from the start with sound midfield work by John Lee and Norrie Porter. Lively Dennis Daley was hard to hold, and he scored first after waltzing around the opposing 'keeper. Bankstown threw more men into attack, but after half-time Billy Fraser and John Forwood reversed matters for Granville. Bankstown's back four looked rather brittle under pressure, but the Magpies' forwards could not make the final pass count. Granville were most unhappy about Butler's winner, claiming that their goalkeeper Barry Hoare had been illegally pushed.

**GRANVILLE:** Hoare 3, Biglands 4, Selfridge 4, O'Maye 4, Forwood 4, Morrow 4, Bates 3, Link 3, Fraser 4, Brizuela 2 (Roden 68m).**BANKSTOWN:** Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Lynch 3, Rootsey 3, Morrison 4, Porter 4, Angelopoulos 3 (Butler 84m), Lee 4, Wilson 4, Daley 4, Mason 3 (Tansley 89m).

**Goals:** 0-1 Daley (23m), 1-1 Link (74m), 1-2 Butler (87m).

**Referee:** W. Phelps. **Crowd:** 139.

**— A. Henderson**

## CROATIA 3 (3) — MONARO 2 (0)

Champions Croatia, after leading 3-0 at halftime, looked likely to career away to an easy win, but the Queanbeyan side came back with two goals and were pressing when time ran out. The first half, played in torrential rain, saw Atti Abonyi, Maurice Sullivan and Bruno Cagalj dominate in midfield. Marijan Kovacic scored for Croatia in the 19th minute from Abonyi's free-kick. In the 28th minute Cagalj set up Abonyi for number two, and Walter Savor scored the third. A different Monaro was seen after the interval and their acquisition from Western Suburbs, Bob Noble, and Chris O'Neill came into their own. Velice Trajanoski, always a dangerous attacker, scored a fine goal in the 75th minute. Ten minutes later Tony Morsello reduced the deficit to one goal.

**CROATIA:** Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Mullen 3, Basic 3, Smith 2, Cagalj 4, Sullivan 4, Savor 3, Abonyi 4, M. Kovacic 3, Leyden 2.

**MONARO:** Antonopoulos 2, De Paoli 3, Charles 2, Noble 4, O'Neill 4, Santolin 2 (Cumming 85m), Bourke 3, Trajanoski 4, Giampaoli 3, Valeri 3, T. Morsello 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 M. Kovacic (19m), 2-0 Abonyi (28m), 3-0 Savor (37m), 3-1 Trajanoski (75m), 3-2 Morsello (85m).

**Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 1,880.

**E. De Mesquita**

## MANLY 0 — MARRICKVILLE 1 (0)

Marrickville took both points from the young Manly side thanks to a gift goal late in the game. Manly fought gamely but they could not match the skills of their opponents. Neither goalkeeper was tested in a game of missed chances. Bob Geoghegan set up a number of good moves for Manly early, and from one of these Ivan Burchett had a fierce drive deflected for a corner. Marrickville were passing the ball accurately and Jim Zeros had a good shot saved by Cassettari. Marrickville improved their game after the interval with Manly holding their ground. When a draw seemed certain, Manly were struck by disaster in the 77th minute. Geoghegan made an atrocious back-pass that fell to the feet of Olympic's Peter Balafas, who was able to pass Cassettari and find the net for a lucky win.

**MANLY:** Cassettari 3, Burchett 3, Doyle 3, Dick 4, Harpur 3 (Symons 86m), Geoghegan 4, Roozendaal 4, Banks 2, Jack 2 (Palmaro 45m, 3), Fox 3, Stuart 3.

**MARRICKVILLE:** Evans 3, Kable 3, Penman 4, Brown 3, Shelldrick 3, Zeros 4, Wignall 4, Williams 3 (Trianafilis 43m, 2), Stevenson 3, Bryden 3 (Balafas 66m, 3).

**Goal:** 0-1 Balafas (77m).

**Referee:** G. Warne. **Crowd:** 315.

**— G. Streeter**

# Croatia-Eagles dominate

**The big Sydney Sportsground clash on Sunday between Croatia and Melita dominates this weekend's scene.**

For ambitious Melita the challenge is all the greater due to to their dropping a point to greatly reinforced Toongabbie at the Gabbie Stadium opening last week.

The 2500 crowd and a further 1880 at Bankstown for Croatia-Monaro were excellent indicators as Sydney was awash for much of the weekend.

At the same time Granville provided evidence of their need to establish a plan to get customers back.

Avala-Yugal and Arncliffe-Ku-ring-gai were completely rained off.

Bankstown and Marrickville Olympic joined known topliners Sutherland and Croatia in gaining full points from their opening games.

Watch Monaro's results this week — they are hungry for points, and also whether Avala can put the pressure on Toongabbie.

In spite of the long coach haul Monaro are the favorites for the clash at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

Manly have been gradually building up. They admit that there were a few players such as Toongabbie's Steve Pollard whom they would have liked to strengthen the team, but they will do their best regardless.

Kaz Kulak could use the hard worker, Frank Hall, as an efficient Arncliffe ball carrier, and rely upon Richard Schroder and Andy Tracey to make the breaks against Yugal.

Yugal will start as favorites; after all, in the Ampol Cup quarterfinal, they gave Mighty Melita a great shake before losing due to one Ray Farrugia goal.

It is an unusual situation when two brothers play beside each other in a team, but that is what is happening with the strong Auburn pair, Gary and Glen Fairclough.

Valiant efforts were made to lift Bankstown on to the winning list last week, but this will be a harder game due to the experience in midfield to turn on the ball to Auburn strikers.

Bobby Wall's problem is that he has not had some of his Granville players for long enough to have secured the cohesion that Olympic can take for granted.

Olympic coach Jim Gallagher has the job of deciding between Wayne Evans and Ali El Zein as goalkeeper — neither has yet made an overwhelming claim for the spot.

Sutherland will have to guard against over-confidence at home on Seymour Shaw against Ku-ring-gai.

Peter Beggs has the drive to give most clubs of any standing a worrying time in defence, and the Shire men are well prepared in the Johnny Watkiss mold to meet almost any challenge.

Indications are that the rebuilt Croatia midfield, including little Wally Savor and big Bruno Vidajic, is being remoulded as a winner, but really these are early days.

If injuries do not plague the Eagles they may run out close winners, but in either case one of the two front runners are likely to be in a difficult position for rival points.

Avala have strengthened up enough to be well able to test a Toongabbie which has an exceptionally strong side for State League, but whether they can cause an upset away is another matter.

**K. Gilmour**

# FIRST DIVISION

*— By Charles Spiteri —*

**Newly promoted club Nepean scored the upset of the first round in the first division by beating Sydney Olympic by the odd goal and with only half a minute to spare.**

One of the highlights of the round was a superb display by young Queens Park goalkeeper Mark Recoquillion who gave an outstanding performance in keeping out the sharpshooters from Wollongong — saving his side from certain defeat.

North Sydney, with three Bottalicos in the set-up, twice hit the front against Revesby but still they could only manage a draw.

Revesby had five new players in the side including their latest signing from Melita—Ian McGovern.

Warringah Saints, with goalkeeper Peter Dean back in the side, outplayed the strong University team in a game which was played mostly in heavy rain.

New signing from Queens Park Brendan Crothers and Bodgen Wisniewski played quite well against a Saints team well stacked with players with PSL experience.

Marconi, having little luck with their PSL side so far this season, were also unlucky in their first division encounter.

A top performance by Gary Frakes helped Belmore to score a close victory over Blacktown.

**REVESBY v NS INTER 2-2**

**Goals:** Thomas, Mackin for Revesby; O'Rourke and A. Bottalico for North Sydney.

**Revesby:** Donovan, Adams, Hargraves, Pittman, Thorpe, Patterson, Byles, Copas, Thomas, McGovern, Gill (Mackin). Coach: G. Byles.

**North Sydney:** Lilli, Walker, J. Bottalico, Miller, Falchi, Matheson, A. Bottalico, Mitchell, Blue (Trovato), Merrigan, O'Rourke. Coach: P. Bottalico.

**WOLLONGONG v QUEENS PARK 0-0**

**Wollongong:** Terziovski, Naumovski, Traicevski, Petkovski, Talevski, Campbell, Ayala, Mitrevski, Vasquez, Terziovski, Milosevski. Coach: G. Jonovski.

**Queens Park:** Recoquillion, Coyle, Thorpe, Fineran, Innes (McClone), Hammond, Sweeney, Thiele, McLean, Brown (Lucas). Coach: M. Johnson.

**SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI 1-0**

**Goal:** Borges.

**Sydney City:** Pezzano, Sorge, Bruce (Gomez), Fonseca, Rogers, Yousiph, Marcos, Svynos, Borges, Miladinski, Patikas. Coach: Jim Hughes.

**Marconi:** Nesti, Nutt, Sullivan, Rea, Iellamo, Dalcol, Tomasic, Colusso, Gyora, Dilgoadeci, Solbanjain. Coach: L. Nesti.

**BLACKTOWN v BELMORE 0-1**

**Goal:** De Mestre.

**Blacktown:** Flanagan, Ellis, (Peters), Ramische, Vincent, Hoff, Boland (Barno), Clark, Obradovic, Smith, Meharg, Burtenshaw. Coach: C. James.

**Belmore:** J. Hawthorne, Jensen, Vergos, McMullen, Clarke, R. Yaager, P. Hawthorne, de Mestre, Elder, Frakes, J. Yaager. Coach: D. Yaager.

**NEPEAN v SYD OLYMPIC 2-1**

**Goals:** Campbell, Lemonczyk for Nepean; Loizof for Sydney Olympic.

**Nepean:** Harris, Partridge, May, Thoms, Dunn, Rasmussen, Campbell, Manning, Hunter (Lewis), Lemonczyk, Hood.

**Sydney Olympic:** Mandrides, Constaninou, Luckett, Michalopoulous, Xipolitas, Morris, Thamnides, Gogis, Loizof, Michail (Kovsas), Jennings (Morson). Coach: Kalageros.

**POLONIA v ST GEORGE 2-2**

**Goals:** Wozniczka, Sookee for Polonia; Groom and Barton for St. George.

**Polonia:** Greenfield, Wozniczka, Crothers, Wisniewski,Boris Zvigelj, Pietrczyk, Bojan Zvigelj, Bradley, Polewski, Land (Sookee), Foulkes (Rylands). Coach: Strzelecki.

**St. George:** Wooten, Randall, Dale, Holmik, Schwartzenberger, Kathalos, Groom, Barton, Acosta, Morlando, Jurecki. Coach: F. Lang.

**UNI OF NSW v WARRINGAH 0-1**

**Goal:** Magill.

**Uni. of NSW:** Not available.

**Warringah:** Dean, Beverly, McGuinness, Jagger, Morris, Earl, Bailey, Carpenter, Nino, Magill, Potts. Coach: J. Van Der Wal.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### STATE LEAGUE

| | I | II | III |
|---|---|---|---|
| G'ville v Bankstown | 1-2 | — | — |
| Sutherland v Auburn | 3-2 | 0-1 | — |
| Toongabbie v Melita | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Arncliffe v K'gai | — | 2-2 | 1-5 |
| Croatia v Monaro | 3-2 | 1-0 | — |
| Manly v Mv Olymp | 0-1 | 3-1 | 11-0 |
| Avala v Yugal | | Postponed | |

### FIRST DIVISION

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|---|---|---|---|
| Queens Pk v W'gong | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0-1 |
| Syd City v Marconi | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-5 |
| Nepean v Syd Olymp | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-4 |
| Uni NSW v Warringah | 0-1 | 4-3 | 0-1 |
| Polonia v St George | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-6 |
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## THIS WEEK

### STATE LEAGUE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24:**

Manly v Monaro ..... Cromer Park
Arncliffe v Yugal ..... Seymour Shaw

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

Bankstown v Auburn ..... Soccer Centre
Granville v Mv. Olympic ..... Garside Park
Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai ..... Seymour Shaw
Croatia v Melita ..... Sportsground
Toongabbie v Avala ..... Gabbie Stadium

### FIRST DIVISION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24:**

Uni NSW v NS Inter ..... Phillip Reserve

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Blacktown v Syd. Olympic ..... Francis Park
APIA v Belmore ..... Lambert Park
Nepean v Warringah ..... Cook Park
Revesby Workers v Queens Park ..... Milperra
Wollongong v Polonia ..... Berkley
St. George v Sydney City ..... Barton Stadium

## NEXT WEEK

### STATE LEAGUE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31:**

Granville v Ku-ring-gai ..... Garside Park
Yugal v Manly ..... Cromer Park

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1:**

Auburn v Toongabbie ..... Mona Park
Avala v Croatia ..... Ireland Bridge Reserve
Mv. Olympic v Bankstown ..... Arlington
Monaro v Sutherland ..... Marco Polo
Melita v Arncliffe ..... Garside Park

### FIRST DIVISION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31:**

Uni. NSW v Queens Park ..... David Phillip Reserve
Wollongong v Sydney City ..... Berkeley
Marconi v St. George ..... Marconi Stadium

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1:**

Warringah v Blacktown ..... Graham Reserve
Olympic v APIA ..... Pratten Park
NS Inter v Nepean ..... North Sydney
Polonia v Revesby ..... Chopin Park


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# WORLD NEWS

# USA NO PLACE FOR THE AMBITIOUS

**Soccer in the States is by no means the threat to English football many people imagine. That is the view of one of British soccer's most distinguished players of recent years—and a 1976 FA Cup winner.**

The man making the assessment? Former Southampton midfield man Jim McCalliog, who spent the summer in the States playing for Chicago Sting.

Before heading for America, though, Jim spent eight months playing for Norwegian First Division club Lyn of Oslo.

Now he's back in Britain as player-coach to Third Division Lincoln City, under the managership of ex-Leeds player and Birmingham boss Willie Bell.

McCalliog says: "A terrific amount has been said about football in America. It might sound very attractive to young kids who fancy fast cars and a lot of money. But my advice to these youngsters is simple . . . forget American soccer until the end of your career.

"I feel it's a great place to go if you have a name and want to cash in with some good money. But it's ridiculous top class players like Dennis Tueart going over there. There is something wrong when that happens.

"Phil Woosnam was quoted as saying America could have a team good enough to win the World Cup in ten years. To me, that's a joke. The only place to make a good career in terms of real success and class football is England — no one should forget that.

"Football in America is Fourth Division standard — no better. I think it will get off the ground over there as a sport but I don't believe standards will improve very much in the next decade.

"The only way I can see them really doing things is if young European footballers of real class go out there when they're about 15 or 16. And that's not likely to happen. If they did, they'd be able to become American players by the time they're 21."

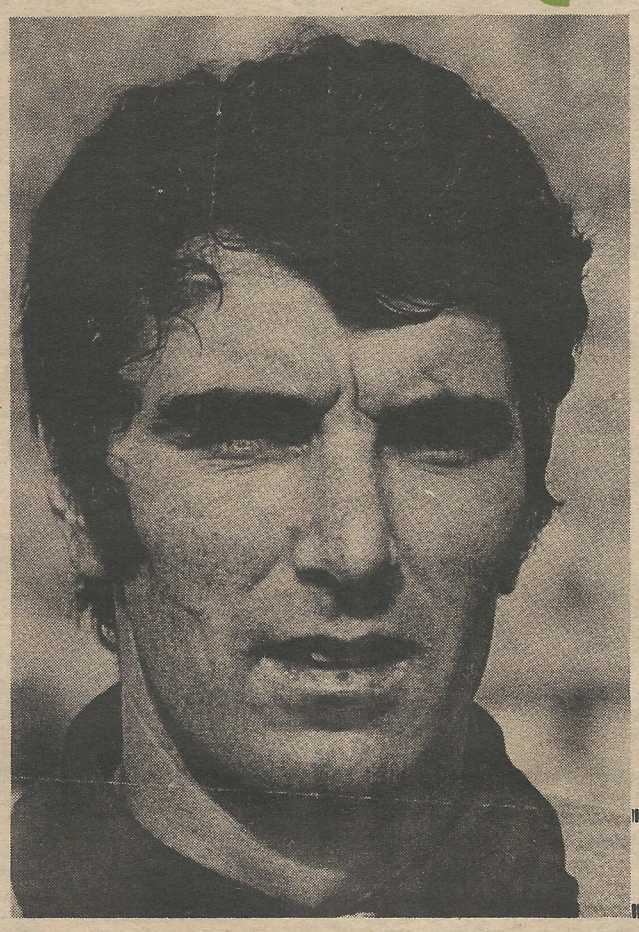
*Beckenbauer and Cruyff together in the Cosmos shirts during the Dutch star's guest stint late last year.*

## UEFA MEETS

**The UEFA, at its executive meeting held in Bucharest, has made a number of interesting decisions. These include:**

- **Clubs eliminated after the first and second rounds of the various Euro Cups and showing a deficit will receive financial grants.**
- **A committee consisting of physicians, lawyers and soccer experts will be formed to prepare for the introduction of dope tests at all UEFA matches.**
- **Penalties for crowd disturbances will get sharper—clubs in future can face not just fines but also the closing of their grounds and the playing of Cup matches in neutral countries.**
- **The next congress will be held in Bern in June.**
- **East Germany has applied to stage the finals of the 1982 European Championships and a decision will be made next year.**

# ZOFF SCOFFS AT AGE QUERY



Dino Zoff, the great Juventus and Italian national goalie, is annoyed when reporters harp about his age, 37.

"There are two goalies in first division who are older than me," he says.

"They are Albertosi of AC Milan and Pizzaballa of Atalanta. What's age got to do with it?"

Zoff rates Yachin and Banks as the two greatest contemporary goalkeepers and Pele as the best striker he has ever faced.

"When I step down from the Italian team, I expect Paolo Conti of AS Roma or Ivano Bordon of Inter Milan to take over from me.

"In Juventus, Giancarlo Alessandrelli will be my successor. But they've got to wait awhile; I have no intention of retiring before the 1980 European Championship finals."

*"What's age, after all?"*

- **Australian fans who have seen Everton's Mike Pejic on their TV soccer must be forgiven if they think he's another Yugoslav imort. Pejic was actually born at Chesterton, England.**
- Archie Gemmill and Martin O'Neill, two of Nottingham Forest favorites, may soon move to another club following Forest's signing of Trevor Francis for $1,600,000. They also want to buy Coventry striker Mick Ferguson and Derby midfielder Gary Daly and this pair could cost another $1,300,000 which means that Gemmill and O'Neill must fetch a large sum to pay for manager Brian Clough's grandiose plans.
- **Two former Scotland managers aren't exactly roaring successes with their current teams: Willie Ormond's Hearts of Midlothians and Ally McLeod's Motherwell are second last and last in the first division.**
- The new FIFA House is now complete, on the site of the elegant but unfunctional old "castle" on a hill overlooking the city of Zurich. The cost was about $4 million.
- **Bayern Munchen's horrible decline continues: they lost 0-4 to the small Bielefeld in the Munich Olympiastadion, watched by only 11,000 spectators — the smallest in the round which, by the way, was the first full round completed after a 105-day spell and weather-caused postponements.**
- Further proof that soccer's balance all over the world is shifting from capitals to provincial cities: if Chelsea get relegated in England — as seems likely — next season London's 12 million people have only two representatives in first division, Arsenal and Tottenham — an all-time negative record.
- **Liverpool's unrelenting march towards the English title continues. In the last seven years they have won it three times, finished runners-up three times and third once and also won the European Champions' Cup and UEFA Cup both twice and the FA Cup once — an incredible record.**
- In Roosendaal, Holland, Belgium has surprisingly defeated Holland 2-1 in an Olympic qualifying match.
- **Brian Clough has had so many clashes with reporters that he seldom gives interviews for fear of being misquoted. Now, Clough has sided with the enemy: because the Nottingham evening newspaper has dismissed 28 journalists, Clough has clamped down on all news to the paper.**
- Cesar Luis Menotti did well to wait after the World Cup: after protracted negotiations, he signed a new contract with the Argentine Association until December, 1982 — at $130,000 a year.
- **West Germany plays Turkey on April 1 in Ismir for the European Championship.**
- Sporting Lisbon may lose four of their star players: Keita, Jordao, Artur and Fernandes have all received offers from US clubs, much to the chargrin of the club's Yugoslav coach, Pavic.
- **The semifinals of the Austrian Cup will be played on April 18: it's Rapid v Wacker Innsbruck and Admira v VOEST Linz.**
- Tottenham deeply regret having sold Pat Jennings to Arsenal: younger replacements Barry Daines and Milija Aleksic are not a patch on the great Irishman.
- **Some Scottish clubs have very modest ambitions. Dumbarton, hoping to get promoted to the Premier Division, have decided to demolish their stand which now seats 80 (eighty) spectators and build a new one for 300 (three hundred). Wow . . .**
- The England v Scotland clash in May at Wembley will produce a revenue of $780,000.
- **Because of repeated misquote incidents involving reporters, players of Barcelona now flatly refuse to give interviews to newspapers and magazines.**
- Jose Torres, the giant leader of the brilliant Portugal and Benfica attack in the 1960s, is now 40 — and player-coach of first division Estoril, starring for them in midfield.
- **The Bobby Charlton travelling circus recently visited Norway where they lost 7-1 to Lillestroem; a sad end to illustrious veterans such as Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith, Peter Thompson, Peter Lorimer and Charlton himself.**
- Arsenal's Liam Brady has been elected by his peers as England's player of the year.
- **The West German FC Koln will receive $380,000 from a Japanese company for wearing their logo on their shirts.**
- Ramas Schengelija of Dynamo Tbilisi has been elected player of the year in the USSR ahead of Kiev's famous Oleg Blokhin.
- **Yugoslavia's player of 1978 is, according to a newspaper Vercerne Novosti, Velez Mostar's Vahid Halilhodzic who two years ago thrilled Australian crowd when on tour with his team.**
- Although their national team is improving, the Finns are still not quite crazy about soccer: last season the average first division attendance was 1411, well below PSL levels.
- **Jose Moncabaez is the new Mexican team manager succeeding the dismissed Jose Antonio Roca.**
- Argentina will play Holland in Zurich on May 22 then will also meet Italy, Ireland and Scotland. In September they will return to Europe to play West Germany, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.
- **Dino Zoff, the veteran Juventus and Italy goalie, has just celebrated his 37th birthday and is approaching his 500th first division game.**
- In a recent cup match in England between Charlton and Maidstone, the referee sent off two players, Hales and Flanagan — both from Charlton. The two had a verbal disagreement then a fistfight and had to be expelled. Charlton lost the game 2-0 against its amateur opponents.
- **Sepp Maier, 35, has signed a new two-year contract with Bayern Munchen, and will stay with them until June 30, 1981.**
- West Ham stopper Tommy Taylor has announced his intention of leaving the club at the end of the season and settling permanently in the USA.
- **The Eire Cup final will be played on April 16, sponsored by a ball manufacturer.**
- Liverpool are building an extension to their grandstand: it will add 4000 more seats and provide 34 private boxes at Anfield.
- **Players of the Italian national squad have asked their manager Enzo Bearzot to curb his chain-smoking habit. "We need you for a long time," they pleaded with the supremo.**
- How the mighty fall . . . Ernst Happel, last season manager of Holland and crack Belgian club team FC Bruges, is now with second division Belgian Racing Harelbeke.
- **Norman Hunter, now with Bristol City, wants to be a fulltime coach when he quits playing but has no managerial ambitions.**
- The Aston Villa defender John Robson, forced to retire because of multiple sclerosis, will receive about $160,000 from a special fund set up by clubs and players to assist him.
- **Many French clubs are so worried about the declining refereering standards that they have decided to recommend the importation of whistlers from neighboring countries.**
- Chris Davies, one of England's best informed soccer writers, argues in "Shot" magazine that the current England team is too old to do well in the 1981 World Cup elimination series. Shilton, Clemence, Watson, Hughes, Brooking, Currie, Keegan and Latchford will all be over 30 by then, if they are not already.
- **Brazilian striker Reinaldo will change from Atletico Mineiro to Flamengo. Reinaldo, only 22, has played for the last two years without any of his four cartilages in his knees and recently had an operation to strengthen the muscles in his knee joints.**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